

# We Believe In Music

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## **NAMA Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM**

**Attendees:** Linda Burns, Luke Noble, Michele Nachamie, Kim Hearst, Amy Ferguson, Justin Smalley, Maddie Maclellan, Natalie Kissel, Anna Choi, Jessica Belongia, Hope Ralph, Heather Ursu, Kristi Hale, Isabel Durning, Clay Ursu, Janet Manning, Sara Durkin

## **Secretary's Report**

- Notes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Proposed income for 2020-21 is \$17,454.
- Income of \$3,767 from reserve account paid towards total cost of band jackets.
- Memorial Fund for Sue Francoeur's parents, William and Victoria Simoneau established with contributions totaling \$2240 from 58 donors. Many sixth-grade parents and NA teachers made donations. Direction for this legacy gift will be determined with Sue's input in the near future. Mary is sending NAMA acknowledgements of gratitude to all donors.
- Updates to budget include the removal of \$1000 proposed income from chorus concert, revised Amazon Smile donation of \$120, and the removal of \$500 cost for proposed chorus uniforms.
- Current budget is \$12,821 below last year's income.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

## **Band Director's Report**

- Because the Fall II Football season has three home games (3/11, 3/20 and 4/2), Justin is assembling a Pep Band of approximately 20 students to play the latter two games, with priority given to seniors.
- Senior Night is Friday, April 2, with varsity football game at 5pm. Band and Chorus seniors cannot be recognized on the field due to the pandemic regulations. Indoor photo opportunity is being planned; NAHS banner can be used. [*Balloons were also discussed as a possible backdrop.*]
- Jazz Night is not happening this year. Possibility of summer Jazz Night fundraiser at the Common discussed (perhaps during one of the Sunday evening slots for Music on the Common; Anna will reach out for possible dates in August).
- Possible band concert to be performed outside, sometime following graduation during the month of June; dependent upon state/local regulations.

## **Chorus President's Report**

- Virtual Winter Choir Concert is almost finished. Audio is complete. Sara is working on video editing.
- Singing now permitted inside, with masks for thirty minutes; students spaced 10 feet apart. (Per new DESE guidelines).

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## **Chorus Director's Report**

- Virtual Winter Choir Concert should be ready for the end of Trimester 2. It will be posted on YouTube and the NAMA Facebook page. Due to copyright issues, it will not be used as part of a virtual fundraiser. Sara emphasized how students have worked so hard during the pandemic, and how important it is for all to have the video singing project online.
- Choir Concert live performance by Scarlet & Black Singers, Treble Choir, and Concert Choir planned for Wednesday, April 14 at 5:30pm (rain date is Tuesday, April 13 at 5:30pm).
  - Linda will secure NA CAM for Livestream.
  - Concert will hopefully take place in the courtyard (football field is another/complicated option). Condenser mics will be used strategically to amplify socially distanced, masked singing.
  - Each performer may have 2 guests attend the outdoor concert.
- Chorus uniforms will not be worn for the Choir Concert live performance.
  - Seniors should plan on returning their uniforms at either of the 2 dress rehearsals for the live performance.
- Printed programs for the Choir Concert live performance on April 14 (rain date April 13) will include sponsorship pages for businesses already recruited by Luke (similar to drama guild *Playbills*.) An option for parents to do ads/shout-outs was also discussed. A local printing business may be interested in printing them (as a sponsor). Additionally, business sponsors will get shout-outs on NAMA social media accounts.
- For Senior Night on Friday, April 2, Sara and Linda will confirm the list of approximately 30 chorus seniors. NAHS English teacher, Melissa Downey was suggested as photographer for the event, as she knows the students and is talented. Seniors are each permitted 2 guests.

## **Old Business**

- NAHS was awarded a \$1900 grant from the North Andover Cultural Council. It will be used to purchase special singer's masks for all choir members. The masks allow for greater breathability, air flow, mouth room to sing, and enhanced sound clarity. Masks are washable and reusable; enabling them to become part of the chorus uniforms, if needed. Approximately \$350 in funds from NAMA's NAHS equipment budget will be used with the NACC grant to purchase the masks.
- Scholarship Committee has 8 volunteers to review scholarship applications. Deadline is March 15 at midnight. Sara and Justin will remind students of the opportunity.

## **New Business**

- DESE guidelines for singing indoors updated, thanks in part to letter-writing and petition-signing campaign initiated by Andrea, Justin, and Sara.
- Music Awards Ceremony discussed, with student input. Conclusion that it is an important event for music students. Possibility of having casual event outside, with students/families on blankets after classes have ended in June. Discussion/planning will continue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.